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SECRETARY DERIAN'S DISCUSSIONS IN MANILA JANUARY 11.

1. ASST. SEC. (HA) PATT DERIAN THANKED PRESIDENT MARCOS FOR
PHILIPPINE ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES WHO HAVE LANDED
HERE BY SMALL BOAT AND FREIGHTER. MARCOS SAID PHILIPPINE
ATTITUDE IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS HISTORY OF ACCEPTANCE OF
PEOPLES FROM OTHER PARTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. HIS GOVERNMENT
HAS WORKED OUT ITS OWN PROCEDURES ON THIS SUBJECT (E.G.,
TO TRY VIETNAMESE ACCUSED OF HAVING HIJACKED A BOAT) AND WOULD
NOT HAND REFUGEES BACK TO SRV. MARCOS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT
HE HAS BEEN "THREATENED SEVERELY" BY VIETNAM TO RETURN REFUGEES.
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2. MARCOS RECALLED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD PROPOSED IN
ASEAN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO HELP THE VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES, AT THE TIME SINGAPORE WAS TURNING PEOPLE
AWAY (LAST AUGUST).

3. MS. DERIAN ALSO DISCUSSED REFUGEE WITH ROMAN

CATHOLIC CARDINAL JAIME SIN, WHO SPOLE TENTATIVELY OF POSSIBLE CHURCH EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN PERMANENTLY RESETTLING REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES. SO FAR THIS HAS APPLIED ONLY TO THE SMALL NUMBERS WHO HAVE SPOUSES OR OTHER RELATIVES HERE, BUT THE CARDINAL APPEARED TO BE ACKNOWLEDGING A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCEPT OTHERS TO STAY AS WELL. CARDINAL SIN INDICATED THAT MARCOS HAS TO A LARGE EXTENT TURNED THE REFUGEE PROBLEM OVER TO THE CHURCH AND THAT HE HAS SUED CHURCH FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PREPARING HOUSING AND OTHER QUARTERS FOR THE REFUGEES.

4. DEP. ASST. SEC. FRANK SIEVERTS HAD SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH UNHCR MANILA REP WERNER BLATTER, WHO AGREED GOP MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO ACCEPT SOME PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD WORK ON THIS. IN GENERAL HE CONFIRMED PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE AND HELPFUL ON ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES, AND HE ASSUMED THIS ATTITUDE WOULD CONTINUE.
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